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SUBJECT: UNIDO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD TENTH SESSION,

DELEGATION REPORT NO. 5, AGENDA ITEM 8

1. SUMMARY: APRIL 26 PLENARY OPENED DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM 8, ORGANIZATIONAL AND FINANCIAL MATTERS, WHICH CONTINUED APRIL 27 AND CONCLUDED APRIL 28. SECRETARIAT SUBMITTED FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS FOR AGENDA ITEM 8: A) UNIDO ACTIVITIES IN 1975 (ID/B/160 AND ADD. 1); B) UNIDO'S MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR 1978-81 (ID/B/163 AND ADD. 1); C) A REPORT ON THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT (ID/B/165); D) INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS FOR GREATER UNIDO AUTONOMY BEFORE IT BECOMES SPECIALIZED AGENCY (ID/B/166); AND E) REGULAR PROGRAM OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR 1977 WITH 1976 REVISION (ID/B/167). US DELEGATION ADDRESSED SUB-ITEM B) UNIDO'S MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR 1978-81 ON APRIL 27 AND ALL OTHER SUB-ITEMS ON APRIL 26. INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT IS SUBJECT OF SEPTEL. END SUMMARY.

2 UNIDO ACTIVITIES IN 1975: US, UK, AND FRG DELS REQUESTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO INCLUDE IN 1976 REPORT AN ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS OF SECRETARIAT UNCLASSIFIED

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REORGANIZATION ON EFFICIENCY OF SECRETARIAT. DELS OF

POLAND, JAPAN, AND PHILIPPINES ON BEHALF OF ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH EAST ASIAN NATIONS REQUESTED MORE PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS ALTHOUGH JAPAN, FRG, AND US MADE CLEAR PRINCIPLE OF GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION APPLIES TO ENTIRE UN OF WHICH UNIDO IS ONLY A PART. HENCE NO YARDSTICK OF CORRECT GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION IS APPLICABLE TO UNIDO POSITIONS LISTED IN ANNEX J. DELS OF SWITZERLAND, FRG, AND PHILIPPINES WERE DISAPPOINTED THAT ALL THIRTY SENIOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FIELD ADVISER POSITIONS FINANCED BY UNDP HAD NOT BEEN FILLED. FRG DEL ALSO REQUESTED A NEW ANNEX IN THE 1976 REPORT SHOWING DETAILS ABOUT JUNIOR PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS IN THE FIELD. THE FRG DEL ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO CONTINUE CONTRIBUTING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE TRUST FUNDS (SPTF) AND INDONESIAN DEL EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR BILATERAL ASSISTANCE FROM FRG CONTRIBUTION TO SPTF PULP AND PAPER PROJECT AND FROM USAID DIRECTLY. USSR QUOTED SELECTIVELY FROM 1975 REPORT TO EFFECT THAT NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY CONTRIBUTIONS WERE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSTRAINTS ON UNDP DELIVERY CAPACITY. PHILIPPINE DEL TOOK EXCEPTION TO USSR CONCLUSION ON NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES BUT ALSO CHIDED

"RICHEST MEMBER STATE" FOR NOT CONTRIBUTING TO UNIDO GENERAL TRUST FUND.

3. UNIDO'S MEDIUM-TERM PLAN (MTP) FOR 1978-81. THE SIX OBJECTIVES UNDER WHICH THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN IS ORGANIZED COMPRISE 1) A PROGRAM OF CONSULTATIONS ABOUT WORLD-WIDE LOCATION OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FACILITIES, 2) A PROGRAM OF STUDIES, AND FOUR TYPES OF DIRECT ASSISTANCE, VIZ., 3) INDUSTRIAL POLICIES AND PROGRAMS, 4) INSTITUTIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE, 5) TECHNOLOGY, AND 6) FEASIBILITY STUDIES, PROJECT APPRAISAL, AND PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS FOR EXTERNAL FINANCING. EXCEPT TO CONFIRM THAT THE CONSULTATIONS OBJECTIVE WAS ACCORDED NO PRIORITY OVER THE OTHER FIVE OBJECTIVES LISTED, DELEGATIONS DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT OF CONSULTATIONS DURING THE DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS 6 AND 7 UNDER WHICH DOCUMENT ID/B162 WAS SUBMITTED.

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4. MTP OBJECTIVE 1: BEGINNING DISCUSSION ON CONSULTATIONS ON LOCATION OF INDUSTRIES, BRAZIL DEL EMPHASIZED THAT PRIVATE SECTOR COMMERCIAL CONCERN HAVE A LARGE ROLE TO PLAY. SWEDISH AND INDONESIAN DELS, WHICH ARE USUALLY BULLISH ON UNIDO PROGRAMS, STATED FLAT OPPOSITION TO ANY SYSTEM OF CONSULTATIONS WHICH WAS NOT CONSIDERABLY MORE MODEST THAN THAT ENVISIONED BY ID/B/162, WHILE ZAMBIA DEL FAVORED

INSTITUTIONALIZED MACHINERY FOR CONSULTATIONS.

5. MTP OBJECTIVE 2: POLAND DEL ATTACHED HIGH PRIORITY TO STUDIES. INDONESIAN DEL WELCOMED UNIDO INTENTION TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER STUDY CENTERS SUCH AS WORLD BANK BUT OBSERVED JADEDLY THAT SUFFICIENT FEASIBILITY STUDIES ALREADY EXIST ; BRAZIL DEL OBSERVED CYNICALLY THAT STUDIES WILL KEEP CONSULTANTS FULLY EMPLOYED.

6. MTP OBJECTIVE 3: CZECH DEL IDENTIFIED AS HIS GOVERNMENT'S FAVORITE THE OBJECTIVE OF ASSISTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN FORMULATING INDUSTRIAL PRIORITIES, POLICIES, PLANS AND PROGRAMS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF EXPERIENCE OF ALL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS. INDONESIAN DEL NOTED THAT POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES OF ADVICE IN THIS FIELD.

7. MTP OBJECTIVE 5: ZAMBIA DEL ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ACQUISITION AND DISSEMINATION OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION.

8. UK DEL WAS GRATIFIED THAT FOUR OF SIX OBJECTIVES DEALT WITH ACTIVITIES OF DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE SUPPORTED INCREASED LOCAL PROCESSING OF

NAUTRAL RESOURCES AND VOLUNTEERED INTENSIFIED ASSISTANCE IN SMALL-SCALE AND AGRO-INDUSTRIES FROM BRITISH TROPICAL INSTITUTE. FORESHADOWING US REMARKS FOLLOWING DAY UK DEL JOINED BY INDONESIA DEL REGRETTED ABSENCE OF FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DETAILS WHICH WOULD INDICATE RELATIVE PRIORITIES BOTH BETWEEN OBJECTIVES AND BETWEEN PROGRAMS WITHIN EACH PRIORITY.

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JOINED BY SEVERAL DELS INCLUDING FRG AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA HE CHARACTERIZED PROJECTIONS OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN 1980-81 AS SO OVER-OPTIMISTIC AS TO DESTROY CREDIBILITY OF MTP AS PLANNING MECHANISM.

9. INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS FOR GREATER UNIDO AUTONOMY: US REP DREW DISTINCTION BETWEEN PARTS OF REPORT WHICH SIMPLY DESCRIBED DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO UNIDO IN PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT FIELD AS PART OF GENERAL DECENTRALIZATION OF AUTHORITY IN THIS FIELD TO OUTPOSTED UN ELEMENTS AND UNIDO PROPOSALS FOR GREATER AUTONOMY IN PERSONNEL FIELD. HE ADDED THAT ALL SUCH AGREEMENTS SHOULD OF COURSE BE SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE UNGA FIFTH COMMITTEE AS PROMISED BY THE UN SECRETARIAT AT THE 30TH GA. JAPAN DEL GENERALLY

WELCOMED GREATER CONTROL BY UNIDO IN RECRUITMENT OF PERSONNEL, WHILE PHILIPPINE DEL SPECIFICALLY ADVOCATED UNIDO AUTHORITY INDEPENDENT OF N.Y. HEADQUARTERS TO MAKE TWO YEAR FIXED-TERM APPOINTMENTS. NO FORMAL PROPOSALS WERE MADE TO HAVE IDB ENDORSE UNIDO SECRETARIAT POSITION ON GREATER AUTONOMY.

10. REGULAR PROGRAM OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:
INDONESIAN DEL EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT RPTA ADQUATELY TOOK ACCOUNT OF LIMA DECLARATION AND PLAN

OF ACTION. IN COMMENTS THAT WENT LARGEY UNNOTICED UNTIL SUBSEQUENT INTERVENTION FOLLOWING DAY'S SECRETARIAT/PHILIPPINE/USA EXCHANGE REPORTED VIENNA 3464, PHILIPPINE DEL ASKED SECRETARIAT HOW MANY HOURS INTER-REGIONAL ADVISERS SPENT AT HEADQUARTERS AND HOW MANY IN THE FIELD. PENDING A REPLY TO BUTTRESS HIS CASE ON INTER-REGIONAL ADVISERS HE PROPOSED THAT EXPENDITURES FOR BOTH REGIONAL AND INTER-REGIONAL ADVISERS SHOULD BE MOVED FROM UN BUDGET SECTION ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO UN BUDGET SECTION ON UNIDO ON THE GROUNDS THAT WHEREEVER LOCATED THEY ARE AN ADMINISTRATIVE LINK IN HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONS. STIBRAVY

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